THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The bridge is planned as a Centrally-assisted North Eastern Council project for the 8th Five Year Plan. Detailed project report prepared by Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. in 1988 has been updated by Northeast Frontier Railway and furnished to the North Eastern Council for processing further. The cost of the project has been assessed as Rs. 558.88 crores.

Lalitpur-Singrauli Railway Line

1788. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the railway line between Lalitpur and Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh has been started;

(b) if so, the amount allotted for the purpose so far;

(c) the progress made so far in the construction of the railway line; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Survey for Lalitpur-Singrauli new BG line has been taken up.

Polypropylene Plant at Bijaipur

1789. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gas Authority of India Limited propose to set up a polypropylene plant at Bijaipur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the latest position in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Detailed Project Report has been received from the Gas Authority of India. The proposal is to have a capacity of 1,00,000 tonnes of polypropylene at an estimated cost of Rs. 720 crores.

[Translation]

Supply of Coal to Power Plants in Gujarat

1790. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state the month-wise demand of coal made by the Government of Gujarat for Thermal Power Stations from October, 1990 to June, 1991 and the quantity of coals allotted and actually supplied to these plants?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): As per information received from the Central Electricity Authority, (CEA) month-wise coal demand, for thermal power stations agreed between Gujarat and CEA, the linkage given by the Standing Linkage Committee (Short Term) and receipts of coal by the power stations from October, 1990 to June, 1991 is given in the enclosed statement.